



Railok safety rails not meeting safety certification

WHAT HAPPENED?

Following investigation of the Telecoms general Safety Alert (RAN009) in April 2014, Transpower is requesting that these safety rails are not to be used under any circumstances. The rails are used on some Transpower ladders fitted to comms towers and in crane rooms.



IMMEDIATE ACTION TAKEN

- Affected personnel were immediately notified.
- All future work on Transpower comms towers to be accessed by dual lanyard or static rope.

ROOT CAUSE

It appears Telecom/Spark stopped using this system which was fitted pre 2009, as they had issues with the Australian manufacturer certifying/maintaining the deployed equipment, so the decision to remove it was made. There was no catastrophic failure or design fault.

LEARNINGS

- Transpower will identify just how many ladders are affected by this system.
- Any identified will be tagged "Do not use"
- Any Railok systems found on comms masts being sold will be removed.